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SUBJECT: TURKISH OPIUM PRODUCTION AND US MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. ON NOVEMBER 21 POLITICAL COUNSELOR WAS CALLED FOR FOREIGN MINISTRY BY HALIL DAG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S UN BUREAU. DAG SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY HIS SUPERIORS TO EXPLAIN (A) WHAT THEY BELIEVED TO BE A SERIOUS LACK OF CONGRESSIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF TURKEY'S RECENT EFFORTS IN OPIUM POPPY PRODUCTION, AND (B) THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE PROPOSED DECEMBER 10 MILITARY ASSISTANCE CUTOFF AND TURKISH POPPY PRODUCTION.

2. EMBOFF, HAVING BEEN PREWARNED ON THE LATTER SUBJECT, PRODUCED A COPY OF THE PERTINENT WORDING ON THE MILITARY AID CUTOFF RESOLUTION AND NOTED THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO REFERENCE TO POPPIES. DAG SAID HE KNEW THIS, BUT HIS SUPERIORS WANTED HIM TO REPORT WHAT THEY CONSIDERED AN IMPORTANT EVENT AT THE NOVEMBER 12-14 MEETING OF THE NATO PARLIAMENTARIANS IN LONDON.

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3. DAG REPORTED THAT DURING THAT MEETING TURKEY'S

AMBASSADOR TO LONDON MENEMENCIOGLU GAVE A BREAKFAST TO WHICH HE INVITED MEMBERS OF THE US AND TURKISH PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS. TURKS, ACCORDING TO DAG, HAD EXPECTED MAIN SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION TO BE CYPRUS AND POSSIBLE DECEMBER 10 MILITARY AID CUTOFF. INSTEAD, AGAIN ACCORDING TO DAG, CONVERSATION ALMOST IMMEDIATELY TURNED TO OPIUM.

4. DAG SAID THAT THE TURKS PRESENT AT THE BREAKFAST WERE LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT, ALTHOUGH THE AMERICANS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE USE OF AMERICAN ARMS ON CYPRUS, THEIR REAL WORRY WAS TURKISH POPPIES AND THAT IT WAS OPIUM RATHER THAN CYPRUS THAT WAS THE MORE IMPORTANT REASON FOR THE POSSIBLE AID CUTOFF. DAG CONTINUED THAT THE SENIOR TURKS PRESENT THEN OUTLINED TURKEY'S ACTIONS SINCE THE DECISION TO BEGIN POPPY PRODUCTION AGAIN, AND SPECIFICALLY EXPLAINED THE STRAW PROCESS AND ITS CONSEQUENCES. ACCORDING TO DAG, THE AMERICANS WERE SURPRISED TO LEARN ALL OF THIS, AND COMMENTED THAT THIS PUT A MUCH MORE FAVORABLE LIGHT ON WHAT TURKEY HAD DONE AND PLANNED TO DO. THEY CONCLUDED THAT LEARNING SO MUCH ABOUT THE SITUATION MIGHT MAKE A DIFFERENCE SHOULD CONGRESS HAVE TO RECONSIDER POSSIBLE AID CUTOFF. DAG ENDED THIS PORTION OF THE CONVERSATION BY REPORTING THAT HIS SUPERIORS HOPED THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS DOING ALL POSSIBLE TO INFORM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OF TURKEY'S INTENTIONS AND OF THE DETAILS OF THE STRAW PROCESS.

5. THIS BREAKFAST MEETING WAS NOTED BRIEFLY IN SEVERAL TURKISH NEWSPAPERS, PLUS A LONG INTERVIEW IN NOVEMBER 20 MILLIYET WITH SENATOR KAMRAN INAN, WHO WAS PRESENT. UNLIKE DAG, INAN GAVE IMPRESSION THAT BREAKFAST CONVERSATION COVERED AS MUCH ABOUT CYPRUS AS POPPIES. ON LATTER, HOWEVER, INAN COMMENTED THAT TURKEY'S RESUMPTION OF POPPY CULTIVATION HAD LEFT A NEGATIVE IMPRESSION AMONG AMERICANS AND THAT THE AMERICAN DELEGATION HAD NOT HEARD ABOUT THE STRAW PROCESS AND OTHER CONTROL MEASURES. INAN CONCLUDED, IN CONNECTION WITH THE TURKISH PARLIAMENTARIANS' EXPLANATION ABOUT BOTH POPPY CULTIVATION AND CYPRUS, THAT THE AMERICAN DELEGATION COMMENTED "DON'T WORRY ABOUT MILITARY AID; A

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